

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 21 were amended so as to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the office action. Furthermore, the adhesive or filler does not enter the recessed portion of a plate assembly as claimed in claim 1 or 21 since capillarity is not caused between the lid member and the recessed portion.

In light of the above amendments to claims 1 and 21, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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